

CFAR Purpose

Provide infrastructure and promote basic, clinical, behavioral and translational research for all investigators in AIDS and AIDS-related research at institutions that receive significant NIH AIDS funds, greater than \$6 Million.

Additional Activities

- Industry collaborations
- Support minority AIDS scientists
- AIDS research communications
- Community outreach
- International collaborations

FY97 ICD AIDS Funding

ICD	Funds (\$M)	Percent
NIAID	648	44.3
NCI	225	15.4
NIDA	161	11
NIMH	97	6.6
NCRR	74	5.1
NICHHD	64	4.4
NHLBI	62	4.2
TOTAL	(1463)	85.9% in PA

CFAR Funding

- Maximum of 10% of AIDS funding for previous fiscal year as reported by OAR.
- Each participating Institute contributes approximately 10% of Institute's AIDS funding of applicant.
- Maximum award \$1.5 M and no Institute provides more than \$1.2 M.

Review

- Single IRG organized by NIAID
- Review emphasis on management
- Prior discussion required for submission of applications over \$500K
- Letter of intent (May 15)
- Single annual receipt date (June 18)
- Applications assigned to Institute agreeing to greatest funding or to NIAID

CFAR Cores

- Administrative Core
- Developmental Core
 - New investigators
 - Feasibility studies
 - Emerging opportunities
- Basic Science and Clinical Cores
 - One or more of each
 - Separate site OK
 - Supported totally, in part, or not at all by CFAR

CFAR Changes - 1

CURRENT CFARS

- Single institutions
- Science evaluation
- Little, but increasing emphasis on planning and outreach
- CFARs expect direction and approval from NIAID

NEW CFARS

- Multiple institutions OK
- Management Evaluation
- Strong emphasis on needs assessment, strategic planning, and outcome measurements
- Proposed management policies and procedures are incorporated into “Terms of Award”

CFAR Changes - 2

CURRENT CFARS

- Almost exclusively for NIAID investigators
- Funding dependent upon quality of NIAID science
- Few resources to support emerging opportunities and preliminary studies by new AIDS investigator

NEW CFARS

- Support for all NIH AIDS investigators
- Funding rewards multi-discipline collaboration
- Developmental core with mechanisms for allocation of funds and for annual evaluation of supported activities

CFAR Changes - 3

CURRENT CFARS

- Little incentive or opportunity to change support for existing cores
- “One size fits all” maximum level of support (\$750,000)
- Eleven CFARs supported totally by NIAID; one totally by NIMH

NEW CFARS

- Strong emphasis on core evaluation and shifting resources to meet needs
- Maximum support at 10% AIDS research base with a cap of \$1.5 million
- CFARs may be supported jointly by multiple Institutes.

Included in Conditions of Award As Proposed by Applicant!

- CFAR Policies and Procedures
- CFAR Management Plan
- CFAR Strategic Plan
- CFAR Advisory Committee(s) Authority and Responsibility

Policies and Procedures

Administrative Core

- Authority (space, positions, funds)
- Advisory committees (internal, external)
- Decision process
- Planning activities (strategic plan)
- Management of developmental core
- Other activities

Policies and Procedures Developmental Core

- Allocation of funds to
 - Investigators new to AIDS research
 - Feasibility studies
 - Emerging opportunities
- Selection of supported projects
- Evaluation criteria
- First year plan

Policies and Procedures Basic and Clinical Cores

- Identification of potential cores
- Creative collaborations to use existing cores
- Selection of cores for CFAR support
- Evaluation
- Changes in support

Management Plan

CFAR Organizational Chart

- CFAR director, core directors, CFAR personnel, other personnel
- External advisory board
- Internal representatives or other mechanisms for input from CFAR investigators

Strategic Plan -- Objective Goals and Milestones

- Short term (annual) milestones
 - Cores
 - Outreach
 - Evaluation
- Long term goals (multi-year)

Institutional Commitment

- Position of CFAR director in institutions organizational chart
- Amount and location of CFAR-specific space controlled by CFAR director
- CFAR director's authority in decisions on space, faculty, and support personnel
- Financial and other resources committed to CFAR

CFAR Directors' Meeting

- Meet two times per year at NIH, CFAR site or scientific conference
- Travel funds for director and one senior scientist
- Budget \$5000 annually

Evaluation Criteria

- Impact -- Effect that a CFAR would have on an applicant's AIDS research efforts.
- Approach -- Quality of the CFAR planning and management process.
- Feasibility -- Likelihood that the CFAR will achieve its objectives.

Impact

- Participating AIDS investigators
 - number and percent
- Breadth of disciplines (Institute support)
- Institutional commitment (What is it?)
- Choice of cores (synergy, economy)
- Leveraged resources (more for less)
- Targets for outreach
- Collaboration plans (who affected?)

Approach

- Strategic planning process
- Advisory group(s) and members
- Policies and procedures
 - Developmental cores
 - Translational research and collaboration
 - Outcome measurements
- Collaborations plans (how affected?)
- Communication plans

Feasibility

- Personnel choices
- Core choices
- Authority/responsibility of advisory groups
- First year strategic plan
- Evidence for basic-clinical collaborations
- Institutional commitment (Will it work?)
- Previous history
- Budget

Electronic Communication

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/cfarpa.htm>